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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A homogeneous floor covering comprising a cross-linkable,

elastomer material having a multicolored, directionless pattern, and a thickness of 1.5

to 3.5 mm, the floor covering, in the case of floor covering having widths of 1 m to 2

m, has no change in thickness exceeding + 5% over its entire width, wherein the floor

covering has a minimum elongation of 60% according to DIN 53 504, the floor

covering contains 3 to 20 percent by weight, with respect to the floor covering's total

weight, of a copolymer of ethylene including at least one comonomer selected from the

group consisting of

vinyl esters of saturated carboxylic acids having up to 4 C-atoms in the acid

group,

unsaturated mono- or dicarboxylic acids,

esters of unsaturated mono- or dicarboxylic acids having up to 8 C-atoms in

the alcohol portion, and

α-olefins having 4 to 10 C-atoms,

the ethylene content of the copolymer being 40 to 95 per cent by weight, the co-

monomer content 5 to 60 per cent by weight, and the melt-flow index of the

copolymer lying between 0.1 and 50,

and wherein the floor covering has a width of 1 m to 2 m, and has no change in

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thickness exceeding +5% over the width.

- 2. (previously presented) The floor covering according to claim 1, wherein the floor covering contains 3 to 10 per cent by weight of a copolymer.
- 3. (previously presented) The floor covering according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of granular particles form the floor covering, the granular particles have a single color.
- 4. (canceled)
- 5. (previously presented) The floor covering according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of granular particles form the floor covering, the granular particles have a colored pattern.
- 6. (previously presented) The floor covering according to claim 2, wherein a plurality of granular particles form the floor covering, the granular particles have a colored pattern.
- 7. (canceled).
- 8. (canceled).

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- 9. (canceled).
- 10. (canceled).
- 11. (canceled).
- 12. (canceled).